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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, MORG, LE
SUBJ: SOUTH LEBANON: SOVIETS IN UNIFIL

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1. UN SOURCE SAYS TOTAL 45 PERSONNEL FROM ILMAC WILL BE ASSIGNED TO UNIFIL APRIL 10 IN TWO GRPUPS.
2. 35 PERSONS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO UNIFIL HQ IN AZ ZAHRANI. LT COL LEVERETT (US) IS CURRENTLY ON THE SPOT HELPING TO GET HQ OPERATIONAL.
3. REMAINING 10 PERSONS WILL BECOME NUCLEOUS OF A UNIFIL BEIRUT LIAISON OFFICE UNDER COL. ESPINASSY (FRANCE).
4. SIILASVUO AND ERSKINE HAVE ASKED SENIOR SOVIET UNTSO

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OFFICER FOR PERMISSION TO ASSIGN A TOTAL OF FOUR SOVIET UNTSO OFFICERS TO UNIFIL, TWO TO AZ ZAHRANI AND TWO TO TYRE AREA. ALTHOUGH UN AS A TECHNICAL MATTER DOES NOT NEED PRIOR SOVIET APPROVAL, IT WAS THOUGHT BEST TO SEEK IT IN THIS CASE. IDP NOT YET INFORMED AND SOURCE SAYS THERE IS NO PLAN TO USE SOVIETS IN AN AREA WHERE THERE ARE IDP PERSONNEL.

5. ANOTHER SUBJECT: PRESENT PLAN IS TO SPLIT NORWEGIAN SECTOR.
NORWEGIANS WILL BE CONCENTRATED ON THE RIGHT WITH NEPALESE
ON THEIR LEFT IN THE VICINITY OF KAUKABA.

6. COMMENT: SIILASVUO IS AWARE OF OUR VIEW THAT A SENIOR UN
OFFICIAL BE PRESENT IN BEIRUT FOR LIAISON WITH THE GOL.
APPARENTLY, HE FEELS THAT HE HAS NO ONE ON HIS STAFF WHO CAN BE
SPARED. ACTIVATION OF UNIFIL HQ IN AZ ZAHRANI AND GREATER
MOBILITY PROVIDED BY NORWEGIAN HELICOPTERS SHOULD HELP
SOMEWHAT. WE UNDERSTAND FRENCH BRIGADIER IS SLATED TO BECOME
ERSKINE'S DEPUTY AND IT MAY WORK OUT THAT HE, RATHER THAN
ESPINASSY, DOES SOME OF THE LIAISON TASK.
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